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In Memoriam

HENRY GENET TAYLOR

First Lieut. and Asst. Surgeon 8th New Jersey Infantry

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First Lieutenant and Assistant Surgeon 8th New Jersey Infantry September 14, 1861; resigned and honorably discharged March 15, 1864.

Elected February 1, 1888. Class 1. Insignia 5997.

Born July 6, 1837, at Charmantot, Rensselaer Co., N. Y.

Died January 14, 1916, at Camden, N. J.

Companion Henry Genet Taylor was born at "Charmantot," Rensselaer County, N. Y., at the residence of his uncle, General James Genet, eldest son of "Citizen Genet," the first Ambassador of France to the United States, and who married the daughter of Governor George Clinton. His father was Othniel Hart Taylor, M.D., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and for a quarter of a century one of the foremost medical men of the State. He served, in 1852, as President of the New Jersey State Medical Society, and was one of the founders of the Camden City and the County Medical Societies, and the Camden City Dispensary.

On his mother's side, Companion Taylor comes from the well-known Burrough family, whose ancestors came from England to Long Island and from thence to West Jersey early in 1693. Dr. Taylor obtained his education in the Camden, N. J., city schools and in the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia. In 1860 he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, Department of Medicine, and the same year opened an office in Camden.

The day following the first battle of Bull Run, he went to Washington, by advice of his preceptor in surgery, Prof. Henry H. Smith, Surgeon-General of Pennsylvania, and assisted in taking care of the wounded. In September, 1861, Dr. Taylor received a commission as Assistant Surgeon of the 8th New Jersey Infantry. During the Peninsular Campaign in the following year he was the only medical staff officer of his regiment on field duty. After the second Bull Run battle, he remained ten days within the rebel lines and accompanied the wounded under his charge into Washington. He was made Brigade Surgeon of the Artillery of the Third Army Corps soon after the engagement at Antietam, and served on the staffs of Major-Generals Hooker, French and Sickles. In March, 1864, after a term of service, Dr. Taylor resigned his commission and resumed practice at Camden, N. J. He was made Assistant Surgeon of the Board of Enrollment for the First Congressional District, having charge of medical examinations of candidates for the service until the close of the war. From 1869 until 1882, Dr. Taylor was Surgeon of the 6th Regiment of the National Guard of New Jersey. During the strike of 1887 he was Brigade Surgeon of the Provisional Brigade on the staff of Major-General William J. Sewell.

During the War of the Rebellion, from the time he received his commission as Assistant Surgeon until his resignation in March, 1864, Companion Taylor was in active service in the field with his regiment and the Artillery of the 2nd Division, Third Corps, and Brigade Artillery of the same corps, participating in the following campaigns and battles: Siege of Yorktown, Va., April and May, 1862; Williamsburg, Va., May 5, 1862; Fair Oaks, Va., June 1 and 2, 1862; Seven Pines, Va., June 25, 1862; Savage Station, Va., June 29, 1862; Glendale, Va., June 30, 1862; Malvern Hill, Va., July 1, 1862; Bristow Station, Va., August 27, 1862; Bull Run, Va., August 29 and 30, 1862; Centreville, Va., September 2, 1862; Fredericksburg, Va., December 13 and 14, 1862; Field Hospital, Falmouth, Va.; Gettysburg, Pa., July 2 and 3, 1863; Wapping Heights, Va., July 24, 1863; McLean's Ford, Va., October 15, 1863; Mine Run, Va., November 29 and 30, and December 1, 1863; Brandon Station, Va., 1864.

In civil life, Companion Taylor's career was most distinguished and useful to his fellow citizens. He was one of the founders of the Camden City Dispensary and one of its consulting physicians from 1878 until his death. From the time of establishment of Cooper Hospital, in Camden, until his death he was chairman and secretary of the Board of Physicians and Surgeons, a member of the Board of Managers, and Medical Director of the institution. He was also Chief of the Medical Staff of the Camden Home for Friendless Children, from its organization in 1865 until about two years prior to his death, when failing health caused him to decline reappointment.

Companion Taylor's connection with the Medical Societies of the State began with the year of his graduation, when he was elected a member of the Camden County Medical Society, and soon thereafter was elected a member of the Camden City Medical Society. He was president and secretary of these societies and subsequently the profession of the State conferred upon him the greatest honor within its gift—that of President of the Medical Societies of New Jersey. In 1889, Rutgers College conferred upon him the degree of A.M. He was also a member of The American Medical Association, the Pennsylvania Historical Society, the New Jersey Sanitary Society and the New Jersey Academy of Medicine; the Military Order of Surgeons of New Jersey, Sons of the Revolution, and charter member of Trimble Lodge, No. 117, F. and A. M.

He was married, October 23, 1879, to Helen, daughter of Alexander and Hannah C. Cooper, of Ashland, N. J., and granddaughter of Captain James B. Cooper, U. S. N., a soldier of the Revolution, who afterwards entered the navy, and during the War of 1812 had charge of the gunboats of the United States Navy along the New Jersey coast.

He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Companion Taylor's disposition was at all times retiring, kindly and courteous, and the example of his long and useful life should indeed be a cherished memory to his posterity.

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